[Mr. R. Kesava Pillai.]

(*b*) the number of complaints received by him since then till the end of Kanni last;

(*c*) the number of complaints investigated, charged and referred by him and those that have not yet (18-3-1104) been investigated and detected;

(*d*) the number of cases in which the Inspector has made a personal enquiry;

(*e*) the longest time he has taken for investigating and framing charges; and

(*f*) the number in which the accused in cases charged before the Magistrates and committed to the Sessions and contested by the defence, have been discharged, acquitted and convicted?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 16th Medam 1102.

(*b*) 81 cases.

(*c*) Of the 81 cases investigated, 44 were charge-sheeted, 18 were referred, 5 are pending investigation and 14 were reported to be under suicide, accidental deaths, etc.

(*d*) All the 81 cases were personally investigated by the Inspector.

(*e*) In one case the investigation and arrest took 3 months as the accused had absconded.

(*f*) Of the 44 cases charged, 22 cases ended in conviction, 15 cases in acquittal and the remaining 7 cases are still pending trial.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): With regard to part (*d*) will the Commissioner of Police be pleased to make an enquiry whether a personal investigation in this case was made by the Inspector.

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The report is that the Inspector has made investigations in all these cases.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): It is on account of want of faith in the Inspector that I request, that an enquiry must be made by the Commissioner of Police, with regard to personal investigation on the matter.

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): It is a course of action that the member suggests.

Encouragement of Copyists in Revenue Offices.

184. **MR. D. FRANCIS** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of the appointment of copyists in the Revenue offices of the State and of the poor pay given them by the Revenue Department; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the reason why there should be a differential treatment between them and the copyists of the Judicial and Magisterial Departments in the matter of permanency and pension?

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MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The Revenue copyists are not given any fixed pay but are given remuneration for the work they turn out.

(*b*) The work of the copyist in the Revenue Department is not constant as in the case of the copyists in Civil and Magistrates' Courts but varies from day to day and from office to office. The Government have therefore decided that the Revenue copyists need not be absorbed in the permanent establishment.

Particulars re Applications for the grant of Licenses for Newspapers.

185. MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): With reference to the applications received by the Government from the 1st Chingam 1103 up to date (28-3-1104) from persons for licenses to start newspapers, will the Government be pleased to give a tabular statement containing information on the following points:—

(*a*) the names of persons who applied for licenses;
(*b*) the dates of the applications;
(*c*) the period for which the applications were pending;
(*d*) the dates of disposal of the applications;
(*e*) in the case of applications rejected, the reasons for rejection; and
(*f*) the license fee fixed in each case?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) to (*f*) A statement* containing the information required by the member is laid on the table.

Employés of the Police Department.

186. MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the names, qualifications, service and pay of the employés in the Police Department now (28-3-1104) acting (whether probationary or not) as Inspectors of Police?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The statement† required is laid on the table.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether the department has recognised the necessity for having some test?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Puliyur-Mannar Road.

187. MR. TAMARAPALLIL KOCHUTOMMAN (*Pattanamtitta*): Are the Government aware that the Puliyur-Mannar road *via* Budhanur is now unfit for cart traffic?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

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†*Vide* Appendix IX—Page 347.

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